

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: Method For Increasing Throughput  
In An Automatic Clinical Analyzer By  
Duplicating Reagent Servers

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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE**

This communication is in response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action dated December 26, 2007, in which claims 1-5 were rejected. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment and response and allowance of the as claimed invention in view of the following.